

Completing the square involves taking a quadratic relation of the form  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$  into vertex form  $y = a(x-h)^2 + k$

Ex. 3 Write each of the following in vertex form.

a)  $y = 5x^2 - 30x + 12$

$$y = 5(x^2 - 6x + 9 - 9) + 12$$

$\hookrightarrow \frac{6}{2} = 3 \quad \nearrow 3^2 \quad \searrow (-9)(5)$

$$y = 5(x^2 - 6x + 9) - 45 + 12$$

$$y = 5(x-3)^2 - 33$$

b)  $y = -3x^2 - 12x + 5$

$$y = -3(x^2 + 4x + 4 - 4) + 5$$

$\hookrightarrow (\frac{4}{2})^2$

$$y = -3(x^2 + 4x + 4) + 12 + 5$$

$$y = -3(x+2)^2 + 17$$

c)  $y = -2x^2 + 16x - 3$

$$y = -2(x^2 - 8x ) - 3$$

$$y = -2(x^2 - 8x + 16 - 16) - 3$$

$$y = -2(x^2 - 8x + 16) + 32 - 3$$

$$y = -2(x-4)^2 + 29$$

Ex. 4 Determine the maximum or minimum point of each parabola.

a.  $y = 2x^2 + 8x + 7$

$$\begin{aligned}y &= 2(x^2 + 4x + 4 - 4) + 7 \\y &= 2(x^2 + 4x + 4) - 8 + 7 \\y &= 2(x+2)^2 - 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{Min is } (-2, -1)$$

?  $a > 0$   $\cup$

b.  $y = x^2 - 14x + 20$

$$\begin{aligned}y &= x^2 - 14x + 49 - 49 + 20 \\y &= (x-7)^2 - 29 \\ \therefore \text{Min is } (7, -29)\end{aligned}$$

c.  $y = -3x^2 - 12x + 5$

$$\begin{aligned}y &= -3(x^2 + 4x + 4 - 4) + 5 \\y &= -3(x^2 + 4x + 4) + 12 + 5 \\y &= -3(x+2)^2 + 17\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{Max is } (-2, 17)$$

?  $a < 0$   $\cap$

d.  $y = 5x^2 + 10x - 11$

$$\begin{aligned}y &= 5(x^2 + 2x + 1 - 1) - 11 \\y &= 5(x^2 + 2x + 1) - 5 - 11 \\y &= 5(x+1)^2 - 16\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{Min is } (-1, -16)$$

e.  $y = -4x^2 + 24x - 3$

$$\begin{aligned}y &= -4(x^2 - 6x + 9 - 9) - 3 \\y &= -4(x^2 - 6x + 9) + 36 - 3 \\y &= -4(x-3)^2 + 33\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{Max is } (3, 33)$$

f.  $y = 3x^2 - 9x + 4$

$$\begin{aligned}y &= 3(x^2 - 3x + \frac{9}{4} - \frac{9}{4}) + 4 \\&\quad \swarrow (\frac{3}{2})^2 = \frac{3^2}{2^2} = \frac{9}{4}\end{aligned}$$

$$y = 3(x^2 - 3x + \frac{9}{4}) - \frac{27}{4} + 4$$

$$y = 3(x - \frac{3}{2})^2 - \frac{27}{4} + \frac{16}{4}$$

$$y = 3(x - \frac{3}{2})^2 - \frac{11}{4}$$

$$\therefore \text{Min is } (\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{11}{4})$$

**Ex. 1** The path of a basketball shot can be modelled by the equation

$h = -0.09d^2 + 0.9d + 2$  where  $h$  is the height of the basketball in metres and  $d$  is the horizontal distance of the ball from the player in metres.



- a. What is the maximum height reached by the ball?

$$h = -0.09d^2 + 0.9d + 2$$

$$h = -0.09(d^2 - 10d + 25 - 25) + 2$$

$$h = -0.09(d^2 - 10d + 25) + 2.25 + 2$$

$$h = -0.09(d-5)^2 + 4.25$$

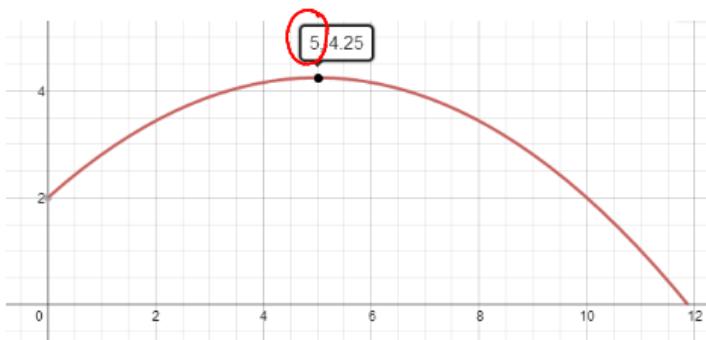
Vertex  $(5, 4.25)$

↑  
Max height

$\therefore$  Maximum height

was  $4.25\text{m}$

- b. How far is the ball from the player when it reaches maximum height?



The ball is 5m from the player.